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SUBJECT: UNFICYP REDUCTIONS

REF: USUN 3023; OTTAWA 2092

- 1. EXTAFF PEACEKEEPING OFFICER BELL DISCUSSED GOC ATTITUDE TOWARDS PROPOSED UNFICYP REDUCTIONS OUTLINED USUN 3023 AND TROOP CONTRIBUTORS MEETING HELD OCT 12.
- 2. TEN PERCENT (50-MAN) CUT IN CANADIAN CONTINGENT HAS BEEN MADE, AT SOME DIFFICULTY DUE SHORT NOTICE. UNSYG WISHES PROPOSE FURTHER FOURTEEN PERCENT CUT AT UNSC IN DECEMBER. SOME TROOP CONTRIBUTORS, NOTABLY SCANDANAVIANS, HAVE URGED THAT FURTHER CUTS BE DELAYED UNLESS OR UNTIL ASSURANCES OF RESTRAINT RECEIVED FROM ALL PARTIES. BELL UNDERSTANDS ASSURANCES HAVE BEEN GIVEN BY GREEK AND TURKISH GOVERNMENTS AND BY GREEK CONFIDENTIAL

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CYPRIOT COMMUNITY, BUT THAT TURKISH CYPRIOTS HAVE

BENN RELUCTANT, DESPITE PRESSURE FROM UNSYG AND BRITISH AND CANADIAN OFFICIALS.

3. EXTAFF BELIEVES UNSYG WILL EITHER PROPOSE FOURTEEN PERCENT ADDITIONAL CUT WITHOUT TURKISH CYPRIOT ASSURANCES, OR (LESS LIKELY) PRESENT ENTIRE PROBLEM TO UNSC AND SOLICIT COMMENT AND SUGGESTION. EXTAFF WOULD PREFER FORMER COURSE. TOTAL 24 PERCENT CUT WOULD GO FAR TO ANSWER CANADIAN CONCERNS ABOUT UNFICYP. AND THUS ALMOST CERTAIN TO RECEIVE CABINET ENDORSEMENT. CUTS WOULD DEMONSTRATE UNFICYP NOT ETERNAL COMMITEMENT: SHIFT AT LEAST SOME RESPONSIBILITY TO CONCERNED PARTIES; AND ELIMINATE ANNUAL DEFICIT (ALTHOUGH ADMITTEDLY NOT RESOLVING DEFICIT ALREADY BUILT-UP). BELL THOUGHT THAT WAS MOST THAT COULD BE EXPECTED, AT LEAST FOR NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS. HE EXPRESSED CONCERN, HOWEVER, LEST SCANDANAVIANS, TO WHOM UNFICYP DUTY IS FINANCIALLY AND CLIMATICALLY REWARDING, MIGHT RAISE FURTHER OBJECTIONS. SCHMIDT

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